

## Men No Better Than Woman



"PAPA" JONES

## Chronicle Profile

## He's Papa To Neighborhood Kids

The majority of young people in the community call him "Papa". "That's because I keep them straight, make them say please and thank you," Papa said recently.

James Authur Jones was born in Reidsville, March 2, 1912 and moved to Winston-Salem with his family in 1919. "We moved over on Sycamore Street," Jones, the oldest of four children said.

Jone's family was not extremely poor during his early childhood. His father worked for R.J. Reynolds. He attended Depot Street School on Patterson Avenue and Slater School.

Jones said he liked school but when he was 15 his father and mother separated. As a result he never finished. "I finished the 11th grade, then I went to work to help feed the family. Things were tough then," he says.

The job Jones got was with the Crystal Ice Company. He stayed there for 20 years. He received his first prison sentence in 1949. "I was selling liquor and got caught," he said with anguish. "I had to do it to make ends meet. At that time there weren't any good jobs for blacks here."

Jones was a custodian while in prison. "I had a six-mile area to police up, but it wasn't so bad," he said.

After serving his time he went to work for R.J. Reynolds and stayed there until 1959 when he bought a building on First Street and Cleveland Avenue. He ran a successful grocery store there until the 60's.

He became a little more serious when he talked about moving from his store. A large smile disappears and he clinches the ever present cigar even tighter between his teeth.

"Redevelopment moved me out," he said. "They called themselves buying me out, but I didn't get a fair price. I fought them by myself. They said they wanted the corner but I felt they should pay me for my property."

Jones took a large hand and ran it over his wavy hair, then continued, "I was going to take them (Redevelopment Commission) to court but I found out I would have gotten the same thing they offered me in court. Eventually, I would have had to move anyway. They had scattered my customers all over town. Now they're building houses over there," he added.

Jones said the disappointment of losing his store led to his second prison term. "I got to where I didn't care and I had a famioy to keep up," he pointed out. He was again charged with selling whiskey and again sentenced to prison. He lashed out at the federal court where he was sentenced saying, "I was treated unfairly in federal court. They gave me 18 months time and five years probation. I'm still on probation. In federal court they push and shove you around and if you're a man you won't take that."

After serving his time Jones returned to his store on 14th Street. He purchased the store in 1972. He says the thing that stopped him from selling liquor was his making up his mind to stop. He says he's a much happier man now and business is good.

He still does not like the idea of probation, however. "When you're on probation you're not free. I think it violates a person's rights." Jones says he likes his probation officer. "It's not his fault I'm on probation, it's the judges. My probation officer is a nice guy."

Jones is married to the former Miss Thelma Trusedale. The young people of the community refer to her as "Mom". They have two children, Harry James 18, and Harriet Evon, 15.

Jones says the thing he is working for now is to give his children a college education. "I don't want them to have to struggle and be mistreated like me."

Dear Liz,

I have a friend who disagrees with me on a problem, maybe, you can help.

I think if a man can have more than one wife, why can't a woman have more than one husband? I feel a woman can love two men the same as any man can love two women. Why do men feel that they are so much better than women? Right or Wrong

Dear Right or Wrong,

It is not legal in this country for a person to have two legal living spouses at the same time. But if it were possible, a woman should have the right to have as many spouses as a man. It is possible for an individual to love more than one person at the same time regardless of the sex of the individual.

Some men feel they are better than women because they believe that the male is the superior sex but they are extremely wrong.

Dear Liz.

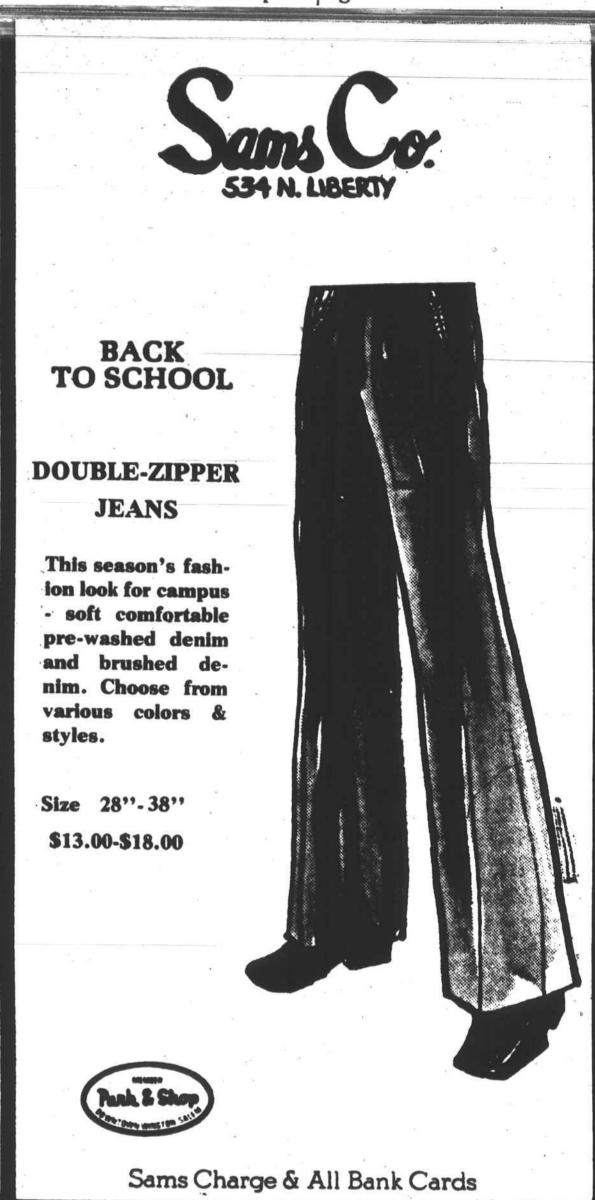
I will soon be getting married to a very wonderful person. He has more good qualities than bad ones.

I know I have good and bad qualities also, but the only thing that bothers me about marrying this guy is our love life. When he's not around I have very strong vibes for his love, but when we are going to have a sexual relation I feel nothing for him. Do you think there is something wrong with me? After sex has taken place I'm ok, and in the mood then. But why can't I feel this way

first?

Dear Please Help.

Seek professional counseling:





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